tionalised banks and how the monitoring is being done to curb all such travel; and

(c) the estimated foreign exchange spent annually on foreign tours by officers of nationalised banks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Only such foreign trips which are very necessary for development of business/inspection etc. are undertaken mostly by officers of banks having offices abroad with prior sanction of the competent authority. A close scrutiny is kept on foreign tours by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Reserve Bank of India has reported that the present monitoring system is strict and is inconformity with the tenet of national policy.

Reserve Bank of India has also reported that during the last financial year (i.e. 1-4-89 to 31-3-90) approximately US dollar 4,05,000 and NCR 42,000 (Non convertible Rupees) were released by RBI to Nationalised banks officials towards their living expenses abroad. Besides, the following amounts were released by RBI for course/registration fees:

IRISH STG	- 21,000/-
	- 1,795/-
BELGIUM FRANCS	- 58,000/-

Cabinet Secretary's meeting with committee of Secretaries on reduction of Non-essential Expenditure

2609. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Secretary held a meeting recently with Committee of Secretaries of various Ministries/Departments to review the situation in all Ministries of the Government of India with a view to bringing about reduction in the Central Government's non-essential expenditure;

(b) whether the subordinate and attached offices are covered by the proposed reduction in expenditure;

(c) the expected savings to be achieved during the current year; and

(d) whether such review would be undertaken after every four months and whether Parliament would be kept informed by placing statements in relation therto before it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Full impact of the measures suggested will be known only over a period of time.

(d) As already indicated a review of the actual developments in the budgetary situation would be made and a report would be made in the Parliament every four months. Accordingly, report for the first four months has already been made on 28th August 1990.

अफ्रीकी देशों को इलक्ट्रानिक उपकरणों (किट) का निर्यात

2610. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या **वाणिज्य मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नाइजीरिया, केन्या और घाना जैसे कुछ अफ्रीकी देशों ने अपने-अपने देश में इलक्ट्रानिक यूनिटें लगाए जाने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है जो भारत द्वारा निर्यातित उपकरणों (किट) पर आधारित होंगे;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि विगत में इलेक्ट्रानिक और कम्प्यूटर सॉफ्टवेयर निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद ने इन देशों का दौरा किया था तथा इस संबंध में सरकार को अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरंगिल श्रीधरन) : (क) से (ग) भारत से इलेक्ट्रानिक मदों के निर्यात के लिए बाजार संभाव्यता का पता लगाने के लिए इलेक्ट्रानिक्स और कम्प्यूटर साफ्टवेयर निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद के तत्वाधान में उपभोक्ता इलेक्ट्रानिक्स, कम्प्यूटर हार्डवेयर, साफ्टवेयर और इलेक्ट्रानिक्स कम्पोनेंट सेक्टर के उद्योग प्रतिनिधियों का एक पांच सदस्यीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल मार्च, 1990 में नाइजीरिया, केन्या और घाना गया। प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने रपट दी है कि सामान्यतः इन देशों में, विशेषकर घाना और केन्या में, भारत की उपभोक्ता इलेक्ट्रानिक मदों की मांग है। एकीकृत विनिर्माण के लिए घटक आधार और अपेक्षित अवस्थापना सुविधाओं के आभाव में, इन देशों में भारत में बने कम्प्यूटर हार्डवेयर परिधीय, विद्युत आपूर्ति और साफ्टवेयर के किट आयात पर आधारित असेम्बली एककें स्थापित करने की इच्छा है। प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने जिन बाजार अवसरों की सम्भावनाओं का पता लगाया है, उन पर अमल करने के लिए इलेक्ट्रानिक्स एवं साफ्टवयर निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद द्वारा व्यापारियों के बीच उन उपलब्धियों को प्रचारित किया गया है।

Sale of manganese ore at very low price by Manganese Ore India Ltd.

2611. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manganese Ore India Ltd., sold manganese ore to a firm last year at a lower rate which was much below the prevailing international rate;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any memorandum was received from the Manganese Ore India Ltd. Staff Welfare Association alleging malpractice in the deal;

(d) if so, whether the allegations have been enquired into; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The allegations were looked into and were found to be not substantiated.

Introduction of a special procedure for the export of wheat bran

2612. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a special procedure for the export of wheat bran;

(b) if so, whether the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been invested with more powers in this regard; and

(c) if so, what guidelines have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (c) Wheat bran appears in List 2 Part B Schedule-I of the Import & Export Policy Volume-II as an item export of which is subject to annual ceiling. The procedure for release of the ceiling of this item is determined annually.